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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION**
**TRANSMITTAL**
**For new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))**
**U.S. PTO**

Attorney Docket No. END-810

First Inventor: Jeffrey D Messerly  
 Title: BLADES WITH FUNCTIONAL BALANCE ASYMMETRIES FOR USE WITH  
 ULTRASONIC SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS

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1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
*(submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2.  Applicant claims small entity status.
3.  Specification Total Pages: 37  
*(Preferred arrangement set forth below)*
  - X Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - X Cross Reference to Related Applications
    - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
    - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - X Background of the Invention
  - X Brief Summary of the Invention
  - X Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
  - X Detailed Description
  - X Claim(s)
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4.  Drawing(s)/35 USC 113) Total Sheets 17
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  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
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6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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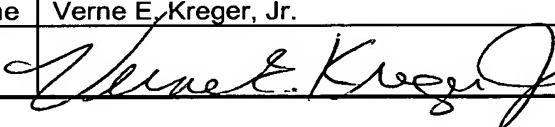
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